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The Aluminum Situation

Department of Economics and Statistics **July 1985**

Shipments Off 3.9 Percent

Net shipments for five months of 1985, at an estimated 6,274 million pounds, were 3.9 percent lower than the 6,531 million pounds for five months of 1984.

Domestic shipments of 5,750 million pounds were 6.1 percent lower than the 6,120 million pounds shipped in five months of 1984.

Imports were down 11.0 percent and exports improved 27.6 percent.

Thru May 1985

	5 mos. 1985	5 mos. 1984	% Change
Mill Products	5,043	5,203	- 3.1
Ingot	1,231	1,328	- 7.3
Total	6,274	6,531	- 3.9
Less Exports	(524)	(411)	+27.6
Domestic Total	5,750	6,120	- 6.1

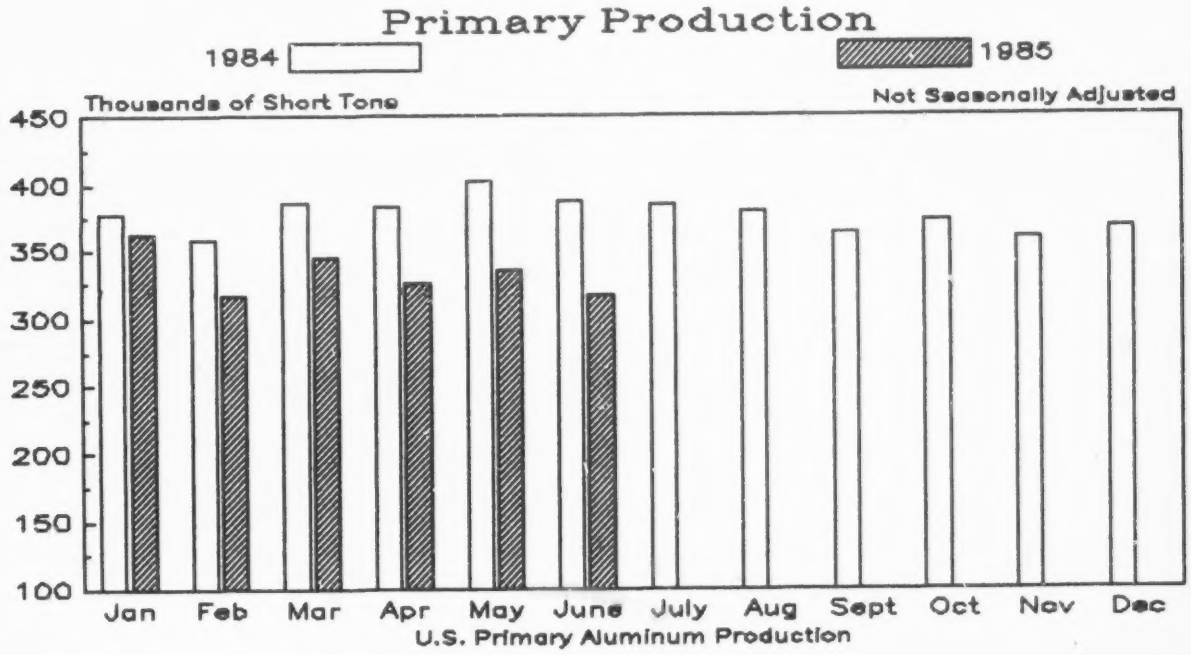
Millions of Pounds
Source: Latest two months estimated by the Aluminum Association. Previous data-Bureau of the Census.

Production Rate Down 17.8 Percent

U.S. primary aluminum production averaged 10,599 short tons daily during June 1985 compared with an average 12,895 tons a day in June 1984.

The annual rate of production in June 1985 was 3,868,708 tons, compared to 3,942,842 tons in May 1985. June 1984 production rate was 4,719,570 tons.

Actual production in June 1985 was 317,976 tons.



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